

Exploring Patterns of Regional and Interregional Cooperation: Central Asia, its Neighboring Countries, and Europe

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The collaborative research project "Patterns of Regional and Interregional Cooperation: Central Asia, its Neighboring Countries, and Europe" (2012-2015) aims at analyzing the political, economic, and social dynamics in Central Asia from a comparative and an inclusive regional perspective. Taking governance, transformation, and regionalization studies into account the project's focus is on the dynamics of governance in Central Asia including its perspectives in the ongoing decade. The project which is located at the Universities of Bielefeld, Dortmund and Giessen combines theoretical with empirical approaches and seeks to contribute to the research process from an interdisciplinary perspective. The Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Uzbekistan/Institute of History Tashkent (Uzbekistan) and the University of Central Asia/Aga Khan Foundation Dushanbe (Tajikistan) are the main regional research partners. By including the Chinese Autonomous Province of Xinjiang and the Indian State of Kashmir in the analysis and discussion of regional cooperation in Central Asia the project intends to broaden the scope of regional cooperation in Central Asia by looking at neighborhood policies and relations between China, India, and Central Asia. Also, the relations between Central Asia and neighboring Siberia/ Russia will be addressed. Based on an integrated understanding of Central Asia and its inner and outer cooperation structures and dynamics, the project aims at comparing Central Asian cooperation with regionalization patterns and dynamics in the European Union and wider Europe as well as analyzing the interregional cooperation between the two regions.

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